

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a national stage Continuation-in-Part Application of ~~claims priority from~~ International PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US00/08310 filed March 29, 2000, which is a PCT Application based on and claiming ~~claims~~ priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/407,359 filed September 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,402,689. The international application was published in English under PCT Article 21(2). This application is also a Continuation-in-Part of and ~~also~~ claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/078,310 ~~(unassigned at the time of the present filing)~~ filed February 18, 2002 entitled *Methods, Systems, and Associated Implantable Devices for Dynamic Monitoring of Physiological and Biological Properties of Tumors*, which is a divisional application of ~~claims priority from~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/407,359 filed September 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,402,689 ~~allowed~~, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/102,447 filed September 30, 1998. The contents of all of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference as if recited in full herein. --